

Search effort ends in bale of hay

Suspicious soldiers pull escaped terrorists out of truck near Egyptian border

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TEL AVIV - Three convicted terrorists who escaped from the Nafha prison near Mitze Ramon last Monday were found on Saturday hiding under a pile of hay in the back of a truck near the Egyptian border in the Northern Negev, the IDF spokesman said yesterday.

The three had been serving long sentences in the supposedly escape-proof Nafha prison. They managed to escape, however, by breaking a bar in a steel door.

The escape triggered a manhunt involving hundreds of soldiers, policemen and trackers who put up roadblocks and were helped by reconnaissance flights. House-to-house searches were conducted in Mitze Ramon.

It had been assumed that the escaped men would only move at night, because it is difficult to remain undetected in daylight in the sparsely populated desert. The IDF

units probably used night-vision equipment, which has proven itself in the past in preventing the smuggling of stolen cars across the Egyptian border into Sinai.

It was feared that the men had made their getaway by boarding a bus. These fears increased when a woman reported that three men had asked her to change foreign currency into local currency. She had not helped them, she said, and later saw the three sitting in the back of a bus heading north.

The searchers nevertheless suspected that the three would try to reach the Gaza Strip and disappear there, or try to cross into Egypt.

The troops, commanded by O/C Southern Command Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, evidently blocked all escape routes, and their efforts bore fruit early on Saturday morning. A patrol close to the Egyptian border in the Northern Negev spotted a van loaded with hay. The soldiers be-

came suspicious and ordered the driver to unload the hay.

The terrorists were found cowering under the hay. They were arrested and turned over to the security forces. News of the arrests was kept secret at first; even the police and the Prisons Service were kept in the dark. Senior officials told *The Jerusalem Post* as late as last evening that they were still ignorant of details.

The three men are Khalil Sayedi Ahmed al-Rahi, 33, who was serving a life sentence for the 1973 murder of Rav-Pakad Moshe Carmeli, the deputy police chief in Gaza and Northern Sinai; Kamel Salim Mohammed el-Nadi, 37, who in 1984 was sentenced to 47 years for throwing grenades at soldiers in Gaza and wounding 13 local residents; and Ahmed Ismail Hussein abu Nasira, 27, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1985 for murdering a Gaza resident and attacking a police officer.

Push for change in seat-belt law

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For The Jerusalem Post

The carnage on the nation's roads has led Transport Minister Haim Corfu to change his previous position and push for a six-month trial period in which seat belts will be required in urban areas.

Corfu yesterday presented the cabinet with a proposed regulation requiring all drivers and front-seat passengers in private cars and taxis to wear seat belts in cities from November 1 through the end of April. Until now, seat belts have been required only on inter-city roads.

If the six-month trial period proves successful in reducing the number of injuries and fatalities on the roads, the Transport Ministry will consider making the regulation permanent, the ministry spokesman said yesterday.

To follow through on his plans, Corfu will need the approval of the Knesset Economics Committee because the road safety subcommittee falls under its jurisdiction. Elyahu Spitzer, chairman of the Economics Committee, would not say yesterday whether he would support the regulation.

"I don't have all the details yet and there are several questions which need to be asked," he said. "For example, how will it be implemented, how will it be enforced and should buses also be included?"

He said he expected the committee to begin its discussions within the next two weeks.

The national police and one of the nation's top road safety experts, on the other hand, yesterday came out in favour of the regulation. Moshe Becker, a senior researcher at the Technion's Road Safety Centre, estimated that it would result in 10 to 15 fewer deaths annually, and 500 to 800 fewer injuries.

"Just imagine a movie theatre full of injured people that you will not have because of this regulation," Becker said.

The police believe that the regulation is important enough to merit the extra effort required to enforce it, according to Deputy Commander Danny Liron of the national police's traffic division.

The fines for not wearing seat belts in urban areas would be the same as those currently imposed for not wearing them on the highways. The fine for a single driver is NIS 62. If

neither person in the front seat is belted, however, the driver pays a double fine, NIS 124, and the passenger pays an additional NIS 62.

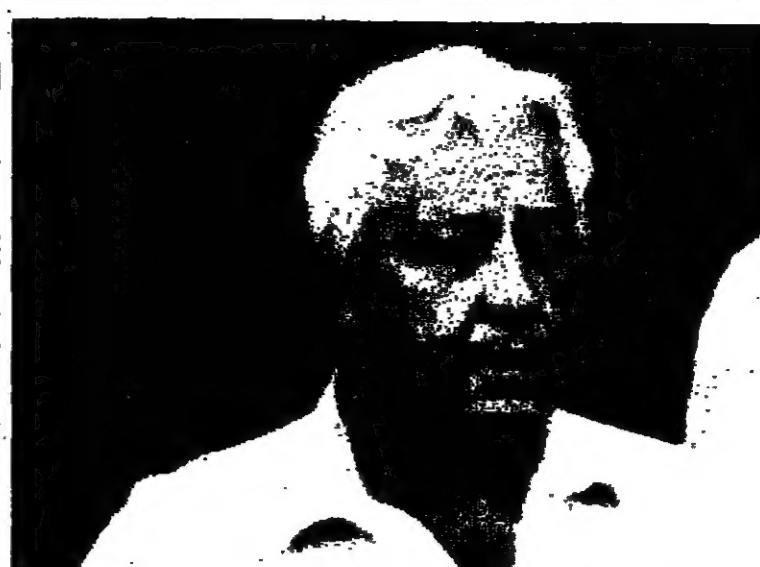
During the first six months of this year, police gave out 24,839 tickets to people not wearing seat belts on inter-city roads, Liron said.

Until several months ago, Corfu opposed regulations requiring seat belts in urban areas because he maintained that they are uncomfortable and might distract drivers, thus leading to road accidents.

He changed his stance earlier this year and came out in support of an experiment calling for a few cities to enforce an urban seat belt regulation, but the plan came up against municipal opposition and was never implemented.

ASHER WALLFISH adds: Nine people, four of them pedestrians, died in road accidents last week. Corfu said at the cabinet meeting yesterday. The main causes of the accidents were speeding and vehicles overtaking.

In the Hebrew year that ended Wednesday, 455 people died in road accidents, an increase of 30 fatalities over the previous year, he said.



Ministers Ariel Sharon (above) and Ezer Weizman emerge from the cabinet meeting yesterday still looking ruffled after an angry exchange between them (Elihu Harari)



Cabinet boils in debate on terror acts

By ASHER WALLFISH
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The fatal stabbing of IDF reservist Alexander Arad last Thursday, and the attack by Arabs on two Ramat Hasharon teenagers two days earlier, yesterday sparked one of the ugliest shouting matches ever witnessed between ministers in the three-year-old national unity government. The eruption occurred when the cabinet convened for its regular weekly session after the Rosh Hashana break.

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon faced a phalanx of four furious Alignment ministers, led by Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, after he charged that "Jews are being murdered all over the country and nothing is being done about it."

His remarks were broadcast by Kof Yisrael and picked up by the BBC. None of Sharon's Likud colleagues came to his aid, and he was left to face the Alignment onslaught on his own. Prime Minister Shamir banged his gavel on the cabinet table, but without noticeable enthusiasm.

Sharon's latter-day version of the

traditional Diaspora rallying-cry in Yiddish, *men harget Yidden* (they're murdering Jews), drew the fierce retort from Weizman: "We still have a lengthy account over the Lebanon war to settle with you."

Weizman counter-attacked against what those present regarded as Sharon's allegation that the Alignment ministers responsible for security were soft in the fight against terrorism. Weizman was backed by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev, and Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

Temper flared in the wake of Bar-Lev's survey of the two terrorist incidents. Two or three ministers suggested that the conclusion should be to invoke the death penalty for murders committed under aggravated circumstances.

This proposal was made, although not in detail, by Minister-without-Portfolio Yigal Hurvitz. Energy Minister Moshe Shahal and Science and Development Minister Gideon Peat. Their call will not, however, result in any follow-up, according to cabinet secretary Elyakim Rubinstein.

Sharon, who then took the floor, said that terrorist murders evoked

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Victim of terrorist stabbing mourned as man who was the spirit of peace

By DAVID RUDGE
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KIBBUTZ RAMOT MENASHE - Alexander Arad, described by friends as a man who embodied the spirit of peace, was laid to rest at his kibbutz here yesterday, the victim of a terrorist's knife.

Hundreds of mourners, led by his widow and including his sister, who arrived from America, accompanied Arad on his last journey along the dirt track to the small hilltop cemetery overlooking the kibbutz and surrounding settlements.

In his eulogy, kibbutz secretary Nissan Barkat said Arad's death had cast a pall of sorrow over the members and all who knew him before and after his aliyah from Castro's Cuba in 1961.

The murder of the 43-year-old father of two was also a bitter blow to

all those like Arad who believed in coexistence between Jews and Arabs and in the possibility, despite all the problems, of building a society based on justice and equality, he said.

Nevertheless, Barkat said after the ceremony, Israel had no alternative but to follow Arad's path and work towards peace and coexistence.

For over an hour the mourners from the kibbutz and neighbouring settlements stood around the coffin, heads bowed, fighting back their tears. Only when the coffin was lowered into the ground did the stifled sobs of the bereaved break through the silence.

Among the mourners were senior IDF officers, including the commander of the unit in which Arad had served as a reservist and the

head of the Border Police unit whose members captured a suspected terrorist a short while after Thursday's fatal stabbing.

A group of Arabs from villages in the Triangle also attended the ceremony. Barkat said they were the only Arabs to have condemned the murder so far, despite the good relations the kibbutz maintained with Arab villages in the immediate vicinity.

The issue was taken up by Megido Regional Council head Yohanan Maoz. He said the lack of response, from all but one local Arab leader, showed that terrorism could be used as a "weapon of alienation." Maoz stressed, however, that he expected to hear from other Arab leaders in the near future.

Within half an hour of Maoz's comments, Shifram Mayor Ibrahim

Nimr Hussein, chairman of the national committee of Arab local councils, issued a strongly worded statement decrying the brutal murder of Alexander Arad.

Hussein said acts of violence only served to worsen relations between Jews and Arabs.

"We have to live together as brothers and we want peace not war or hatred," said Hussein, adding that he would send a telegram of condolence to the kibbutz and to Arad's family on behalf of the national committee of Arab council heads.

And messages decrying the murder were sent later to the minister of defence by Mayor Abadallah Lahluh of Jenin and other leaders of the town and by the head of the Jenin district health services, Dr. Ahmed

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Moscow's worry over Jericho II missiles dismissed as propaganda

By BENNY MORRIS

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday dismissed as "frivolous" and "propaganda" recent Soviet concern about Israel's alleged development of medium-range Jericho II missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads. The matter of the missiles, which the Soviets claim can reach their Black Sea Fleet ports, was raised by Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in his meeting with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres last Wednesday in New York.

A well-placed source in the Prime Minister's Office yesterday obliquely referred to Peres's repeated efforts to soothe the Soviets on this issue. He said: "We're making a mistake by broadcasting these charges and reacting to them. They are not serious and not intended to be taken seriously. They are propaganda and a part of psychological warfare. The

Soviets know that we have no designs on them. We are turning (the missiles) into a golem by inflating and repeating the matter."

The source said that whoever repeats the Soviet charges "serves Soviet propaganda purposes."

The source was referring to the series of Hebrew and Russian-language broadcasts by the Soviets, condemning Israel's development of the missiles.

Peres apparently repeated this line when Shevardnadze raised the matter last week. Responding to a question, Peres told the Knesset on July 29, after the first series of Soviet broadcasts, that the Soviets need not be worried and that Israel does not possess missiles which can reach the Soviet Union. The latest Soviet broadcast on the matter was on Moscow's Hebrew language service last Tuesday.

Fire-bomb survivor injured in car crash

ALFEI MENASHE (Itim) - Nine-year-old Adi Mozes, who was badly hurt in the fire-bombing of her family's car several months ago that resulted in the death of her mother Ofra and her brother Tal, was injured in an automobile accident in this settlement yesterday.

Adi received head injuries in a collision between two cars on Rehov Arbel, near her home. Two other children were also hurt in the accident. They were all taken to Beilinson Hospital. Adi's injuries were reported to be light.

Yugoslavia seeking Israeli permission for direct flights

Post Diplomatic Correspondent - Israeli and Yugoslav transportation officials are negotiating the establishment of a direct air link between the two countries, sources said yesterday.

The Yugoslavs, representing the Adriatic charter airline company, are seeking Israeli agreement to allow several flights a week.

Israel wants "reciprocity," but the Yugoslavs, it is understood, have no mandate to permit similar El Al flight and landing rights immediately.

"But there is in principle readiness on Israel's part to some sort of compromise arrangement, perhaps involving a Yugoslav assurance of allowing in El Al in six months' or a year's time," said the source.

Another sign of the gradually improving Israeli-Yugoslav ties is the scheduled arrival here today of a senior Yugoslav state television reporter, Zoran Petrovic, with the aim of producing one or more documentaries on Israel.

Due to technical complications beyond our control, today's edition of *The Jerusalem Post* does not include *The Week in Review* section of *The New York Times*.

IDF soldier hurt by mine in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE
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ROSH HANIKRA - An IDF soldier was slightly wounded when his vehicle ran over a mine in the central sector of the security zone in South Lebanon late on Saturday night, the army spokesman reported yesterday. The injured soldier was later transferred to Safad Hospital for treatment.

IDF troops carried out extensive searches of the area to try to locate any more mines.

He was the third IDF soldier to have been wounded on duty inside the security zone since the beginning of the New Year.

Around dawn last Thursday, troops spotted two men acting suspiciously along the perimeter of the zone, also in the central sector, northeast of Bint Jbail. The suspects were ordered to halt, but instead opened fire. Both gunmen, members of the fanatical Iranian-backed Hizbullah, were killed in the exchange and an IDF soldier was shot in the leg.

The wounded soldier was later transferred by helicopter to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

Army sources said the two gunmen had been on a mission to plant mines and roadside bombs in the area. Remote control devices, explosives, arms and ammunition were found alongside the bodies.

Later, on Thursday night, an IDF patrol came under fire from gunmen in the northern part of the central sector of the zone, north of A'isha village. The soldiers returned fire and the attackers apparently fled under cover of darkness. One IDF soldier was slightly wounded in the fighting.

Military observers said it was too early to determine whether the clashes indicated renewed activity on the part of Hizbullah, which has not undertaken many operations lately, after taking a battering at the hands of the IDF and the South Lebanese Army.

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U.S. Vice President George Bush and Sgt. Marcus Shook, last survivor of a U.S. air crew whose plane was shot down by the Nazis in 1944, yesterday laid a wreath at the Monument of the Soldiers of September 1939 in a cemetery in Warsaw. Bush was to meet late last night with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. (AFP)



Iranian detainees wearing helicopter headgear and protective devices over their ears aboard the U.S.S. Guadalcanal after the U.S. Navy boarded their ship, the Iran Ajr, a mine-layer that was blown up over the weekend. (AFP)

Iran still contends that Saddam Hussein must go

NICOSIA (Reuters). - Iran's top war spokesman has reiterated that his country will not halt its war against Baghdad until Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is ousted, Tehran radio reported.

In a speech which seemed to retract recent signs of moderation in Iran's demands for the all-out defeat of the Iraqi president, Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said: "The Islamic Republic is firm in its resolve not to halt its holy war until the Iraqi people are delivered from Saddam." Rafsanjani was speaking to Iraqi dissidents at a meeting in Tehran on Saturday. His remarks were carried yesterday by the radio, and monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The harder Iranian line coincided with an escalation of Iraqi attacks on Iranian-operated tankers in the Gulf and anger in Tehran over a U.S. helicopter attack on an Iranian ship accused of laying mines.

Iraqi jets blasted tankers five times in 36 hours up to noon yesterday in the heaviest series of strikes since the shipping war started in 1981.

Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi told Tehran Radio

yesterday that Iran would respond to what he described as the mischief of the U.S., whose fleet is in the Gulf to protect the tankers of Iraq's ally, Kuwait.

He quoted crew members of the Iranian ship, the Iran Ajr, who were captured by the U.S. Navy as saying on their return to Tehran that the U.S. attack was very vicious.

He said a current visit to the Gulf region by U.S. Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger aimed "to cover up the disgrace following the lies and the white-wash, the evidence of this savage deed." Iran has denied that the ship was carrying war material, saying it had only supplies on board. "What concerns us is that we shall reply to America's mischief," Mousavi said.

Iran told UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar earlier this month that it would accept an undeclared ceasefire with Iraq pending the results of an international probe into blame for starting the war seven years ago.

The UN Security Council in July ordered an immediate ceasefire and diplomats had seen Tehran's backpedalling on its previous tough demands as a bid to escape possible UN sanctions.

But Rafsanjani restated Iran's insistence on the removal of the Iraqi president - a main plank in Tehran's official policy which had not been much talked about in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, Iraqi jets blasted more Iranian tankers in the Gulf yesterday, claiming at least four vessels hit in a 30-hour period, in a flurry of sorties as a backdrop to the Gulf tour by U.S. Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger.

In Baghdad, a military spokesman said Iraqi planes hit two vessels at around the same time. The shipping sources said the first strike was on the 225,683-ton Cypriot super-tanker Coral Cape and the second on an Iranian tanker, believed to be the Shirvan of 69,360 tons.

The sources had no information of any casualties on the tankers, both attacked in the area of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern Gulf. They believed a third tanker was attacked and set on fire at around 5:30 a.m. yesterday.

The first two tankers confirmed hit were set ablaze, but the sources said the fires were later extinguished. They said the Coral Cape was under tow heading towards the Iranian Gulf port of Bushehr.

CIA chief allegedly asked Saudis for funds

WASHINGTON (AP). - The late CIA director William Casey turned to Saudi Arabia for money and help when it became clear that his own efforts to create a secret anti-terrorist force were not going to work, according to excerpts of a forthcoming book published Sunday.

The book, by Washington Post Assistant Managing Editor Bob Woodward, also describes Casey as an action-oriented man who was "struck by the overall passivity of the President..." and the book says Casey, although a student of President Ronald Reagan, never "figured him out."

Casey's impatience with the CIA's emphasis on intelligence-gathering rather than covert action reached a peak in 1985, when the White House was anxious to assert itself in the Middle East after terrorist bombings of U.S. facilities in Beirut, the book says.

"All the bold planning was going to be a wasted effort," Woodward wrote. "After four years of frustration with his agency and Congress, Casey had reached the breaking point. He decided to go 'off the books,' to go outside normal CIA channels and turn instead to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and the Saudi intelligence service..." King Fahd pledged \$3 million of Saudi money for the operation, enabling Casey and the Reagan Administration to circumvent both the CIA and Congress, which would normally provide funds for covert operations."

Excerpts from Woodward's book, *Veil: The secret wars of the CIA, 1981-1987*, appeared in Sunday editions of the *Washington Post* and in

the newspaper's magazine supplement.

The book said that Casey, working with the Saudi ambassador to the U.S., Prince Bandar bin Sultan, was able to have several covert actions undertaken.

One, the assassination attempt on Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, leader of the militant Hizbullah faction in Lebanon, failed. Instead, 80 bystanders were killed by the car bomb that had been intended for him in March 1985, the book said. A payment of \$2 million in food, medicine and educational expenses later got Fadlallah to curb his anti-Western violence, the book said.

The Saudis also helped funnel money to Chad for use against Libya, the book said. Finally, the Saudis supplied \$2 million to influence the May 1985 election in Italy to prevent the communists from making gains, the book said.

Casey was "keenly aware that Congress had no stomach for covert action in Western Europe," and "the two operations were never traced to the Saudis or exposed." The book portrays Casey as an action-oriented man who quickly grew impatient with bureaucrats, and whose work ethic, shaped by the Depression of the 1930s, World War II and a humble upbringing, made him see Reagan as "lazy and distracted."

"Casey was attracted to the variety in Reagan's life - sportscaster, actor, labour union officer, governor and conservative spokesman with stamina," Woodward wrote.

Nonetheless, Woodward wrote: "Casey found Reagan strange..."

Tunisians to be executed for Iran-backed coup plot

TUNIS (Reuters). - The Tunisian State Security Court sentenced seven Muslim fundamentalists to death yesterday for plotting, with Iranian help, to overthrow the government and set up an Islamic state.

The seven, five of whom were being tried in their absence, included defendants accused of direct involvement in bomb attacks on east coast hotels last month, which injured 12 British and Italian tourists.

The leader of an Islamic party accused of being behind the plan to topple the government, Rachid Ghannouchi, was sentenced to forced labour for life.

The prosecution had demanded death sentences for all 90 accused during the month-long trial.

Other sentences ranged from two to 20 years' hard labour. Thirteen of the accused, many of whom belonged to Ghannouchi's Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI), were acquitted.

A total of 37 defendants were tried in their absence.

Defence lawyers said they would appeal. President Habib Bourguiba has the power to pardon the seven sentenced to death by hanging.

Judge Hachemi Zammal passed sentence early yesterday amid tight

security inside and outside the court building. Helmeted police with sub-machine guns lined nearby streets.

The court had been considering its judgement for a total of nearly five days, having reconvened briefly on Friday to hear last-minute defence evidence.

The MTI, which has organized a series of sometimes violent street demonstrations in recent months, said in a communique three weeks ago it would not stand idly by if its leaders were "led to the slaughterhouse unjustly, arbitrarily and treacherously." Those sentenced to death were Mehrez Boudegua and Bouqibla Dekhil, who were both in the dock. The five fugitives condemned to hang in absentia were Ali Laaridhi, Hamadi Jebali, Salah Karar, Abdelmajid Mili and Fathi Maatoug.

Boudegua, 25, admitted in court that he made the hotel bombs, which the indictment said were part of the scheme to topple Bourguiba's government.

Maatoug was alleged to have planted them in four hotels in Sousse and Monastir on the eve of Bourguiba's 84th birthday on August 3, close to his summer palace where he was celebrating.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Shevardnadze begins South American tour

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP). - Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has begun a tour of three Latin American nations, arriving here Saturday. Coming from New York, where he attended the United Nations General Assembly, the Soviet leader was planning to have a rest before traveling to Brasilia today to meet President Jose Sarney. After Brazil, Shevardnadze will visit Argentina and Uruguay.

Writer says USSR still a dictatorship

RIPTON, Vermont (AFP). - A Soviet writer taking part in a conference of U.S. and Soviet journalists here said Saturday that the Soviet Union remained a "dictatorship" despite its current policy of *glasnost* (openness).

Feodor Ignatov, editor in chief of *Kazakhstanskaya Pravda*, official organ of the Communist Party of the Republic of Kazakhstan, said the Soviet Union was still ready to "neutralize" any criticism which it judged not to be in the public interest.

Ignatov also denounced widespread corruption in Kazakhstan and the difficulties encountered trying to get rid of nepotism.

Spanish policeman dies in car bomb blast

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (AFP). - A policeman was killed and another was badly injured when a car bomb exploded in this Spanish Basque town yesterday, on an anniversary day commemorated by tens of thousands of Basques, rescue services said.

Malaysian turns down \$400,000 lottery prize

KUALA LUMPUR (AF). - Winning \$400,000, the first prize in a regular lottery draw, is every Malaysian's dream but one man refused to claim his winnings on religious grounds, *The Star* newspaper reported yesterday.

The 29-year-old technician who was married and with a mortgage "refused to take the money because he said gambling was forbidden in Islam," the newspaper quoted Rathi Isbak, the lottery board's general manager, as saying.

The man told the board he had bought the ticket on the spur of the moment and had been certain he would not win, Rathi said. He had "surrendered" his ticket and the prize money of one million Malaysian dollars was paid to the government.

Success and failure crossing Berlin Wall

BERLIN (AFP). - Two East Germans this weekend managed to cross the Berlin Wall safely, but another pair were caught as they tried to force their way across in a truck. West German police said yesterday.

The two who successfully crossed into the West Berlin neighbourhood of Kreuzberg late Saturday were identified only by their ages of 20 and 21. There were no immediate details as to how they crossed.

The "August 13" Association, specializing in Berlin Wall crossings, said the couple who were caught were 19-year-old Kathrin Hempel, a former junior judo champion and daughter of the national East German judo team coach, and her friend, a truck driver, also 19.

Fighting breaks out near Manila

MANILA (Reuters). - Fighting between government troops and Communist insurgents broke out near the Philippine capital yesterday, leaving an undetermined number of casualties on both sides, the military reported.

Witnesses said they saw military jeeps carrying away wounded or dead soldiers from the scene of the fighting which the army said started this afternoon in Bulacan Province, about 50 km north of Manila.

A military spokesman said the army believed many rebels were also killed by helicopter-backed troops who searched the area after being informed that an undetermined number of guerrillas were holding a meeting.

The Bulacan fighting coincided with an army offensive in the Bicol Region to the south of Manila where about 500 rebels blew up five bridges early this month.

In Manila, a leftist leader said Corazon Aquino's only chance of surviving as president lay in a power sharing agreement with the country's right-wing forces.

But he did not predict whether Aquino's partners would be rightist politicians or the staunchly anti-Communist army.

Edicio de la Torre, a Roman Catholic priest and head of a left-wing research unit called the Institute of Popular Democracy, ruled out any leftist grab for power in the immediate future.

"On the assumption that there will be no dramatic introduction of new forces, the only way the can last is to accept... a power sharing formula with the right," de la Torre said in an interview with the *Manila Chronicle* newspaper.

De la Torre, who was jailed during the regime of former president Ferdinand Marcos for alleged links with Communists, predicted such an alliance could be forged within a year.

He said the alternative to power sharing would be a permanently unstable government.

Aquino, considered a centrist, has been under tremendous public pressure to restore political stability in a country racked by at least five coup attempts in the past year.

She is also grappling with a growing Communist insurgency.

The army airlifted fresh troops and several armoured personnel carriers into the Bicol Region yesterday to pursue an estimated 500 Communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels blamed for blowing up five bridges in the area this month.

The troops were believed to be reinforcing the elite Scout Ranger battalion flown into the agricultural region 240 kilometers south east of the capital three days ago.

Army rangers overran an NPA camp in Camarines Sur Province on Saturday but the brief gun-battle caused no casualties, army reports said.

The military said the rebels, in blowing up vital road and rail links in Bicol, apparently wanted to isolate the region and divert troops from other areas, clearing the way for attacks on weakened army positions.

Manila newspapers said rebels blew up two power transformers in Aklan Province, central Philippines, two days ago, plunging several villages into darkness.

The reports said government forces pursuing a guerrilla band when the transformers were blasted lost the rebels in the dark.

Taiwan journalists may face jail for Beijing visit

TAIPEI (Reuters). - Two Taiwanese journalists who visited China in open defiance of a ban on contacts with Beijing, flew home yesterday and the government said they faced a possible three-year jail sentence.

The Government Information Office immediately issued a statement saying Hsu Lu and Li Yung-Teh, along with the publisher of the *Independence Evening Post*, will be charged for misleading authorities about the trip.

All three face a maximum jail sentence of three years, the statement

said. The daily will be barred from sending reporters overseas for two years, it added.

The reporters told fellow journalists at Taipei's airport that their two-week trip, the first by Taiwan reporters to China since 1949, had been a disappointment.

They said they were constantly shadowed by Chinese officials posing as journalists and Beijing had used them as propaganda tools.

"It was a disappointment. We expected more," Hsu said.

Li said: "There is no reporting freedom in China."

The Chinese Nationalist government has banned direct contacts with Beijing since 1949, when it fled to Taiwan from mainland China after its forces were routed by the Communist Red Army in civil war.

Taipei and Beijing are still technically at war.

Thousands of Taiwan people are believed to sneak into China each year to visit relatives, but those caught are usually denied overseas travel rights for two years.

Devastating indictment of the war in Mozambique

By JOHN MADELEY
LONDON. - The school was burned down the morning 500 troops of the South African-backed Mozambique Resistance Movement (MNR) attacked the town of Mikauze, in Mozambique's Zambezia Province. After burning the school the MNR rounded up as many local people as they could.

Carlos Coleia, a local trader, tells his story: "When we heard that the bandits were in town, everyone with shoes took them off, to appear poor. But they examined everyone's feet and beat up those who had been wearing shoes or decent clothes. They hit the party administrator on the head with a machete, shooting him as he ran away; the bandits shot

two others and burned an old man to death in his hut..."

The story came in a harrowing news report by the *British aid agency, Oxfam*, "Mozambique: a cry for peace."

Written by Julian Quan, an Oxfam worker in Mozambique, the report describes MNR atrocities and is a devastating indictment of the destruction it is causing to try to bring the people and government of Mozambique to their knees.

MNR tactics, says the report, are to use famine as a weapon of war. Its campaign is one of "maximum destruction of government achievements - health posts, schools, successful communal villages, shops and grain stores as well as key roads and railways."

The result is that many Mozambique people are starving and the economy is devastated. "More than four million people, over a third of the population, need emergency aid," the report estimates. But peo-

ple often wait in vain for food aid.

The report says that the MNR serves South Africa's regional interests, "destabilizing Mozambique and protecting South Africa's economic hold on other frontline states."

It points out that Mozambique plays a key role in the South African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) which was formed to try to reduce South Africa's economic power in the region.

Central to SADCC policy is the rehabilitation of roads and railways to allow countries in the region to export and import their goods without taking them through South Africa. "MNR strategy is to destroy the transport network," says the report.

Consisting largely of Mozambican dissidents and wealthy former colonial backers in Portugal, the MNR "has robbed, raped, mutilated and intimidated the population into giving it reluctant support," the report alleges.

Tens of thousands of Mozambi-

cans have been forced out of their homes, some to the country's remaining secure towns, others to Malawi.

Damage of some \$5.5 billion has been caused - around three times Mozambique's annual production. While a big rehabilitation programme is needed, says the report, the country has a foreign debt of \$3.4 billion and "simply does not have the resources for such a programme."

Substantial international aid can help to alleviate some of the suffering it believes, "but Western governments must tackle the root cause of Mozambique's poverty by putting effective pressure on South Africa to stop its support for the MNR." (London Observer Service)

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The Tel Aviv Hilton Executive Business Center and The Jerusalem Post business pages

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(Elbarar, Scoop 80)

The grounds for secrecy

Asher Felix Landau

In the Supreme Court, before Justice Gavriel Bach, in the matter of Mordechai Vanunu, applicant, versus the State of Israel, respondent (Miscellaneous Applications 64187).

THE APPLICANT was charged in the District Court of Jerusalem with revealing secret information, subsequently published in the London Sunday Times, relating to nuclear research in Israel, and its influence on Israel's scientific and military potential. Acting under section 44(a) of the Evidence Ordinance (New Version) of 1971, the minister of defence issued a certificate excluding evidence at the applicant's trial, relating to how the applicant was brought to Israel and detained here, and to certain details connected with nuclear research in Israel.

Under that section, "A person is not bound to give, and the court shall not admit, evidence regarding which the prime minister or the minister of defence, by certificate under his hand, has expressed the opinion that its giving is likely to impair the security of the State... unless a judge of the Supreme Court, on the petition of a party who desires the disclosure of the evidence, finds that the necessity to disclose it for the purpose of doing justice outweighs the interest in its non-disclosure."

IN GIVING his decision, Justice Gavriel Bach pointed out that, following the procedure permitted under section 46(a) of the Ordinance, he had accepted information without the defence being present, as to the nature and significance of the evidence in question, and he has also heard details of the applicant's defence in the absence of the prosecution. Although, as a general rule, the parties in a criminal case were not obliged to disclose their arguments before the trial, there was no escape from doing so in an application such as the present.

Once the minister has issued his certificate, Justice Bach continued, it must be presumed that the evidence to be excluded would cause some damage to state security. The Supreme Court has held, however, that the judge must be convinced that such damage was real and significant, and outweighed the possible damage to the accused's defence caused by the evidence being excluded.

As Justice Barak said in the case of Livni (M.A. 838/84-Jerusalem Post, January 14, 1985), "The judge must weigh the relative importance of each piece of evidence within the range of possibilities between complete unimportance and vital relevance. When this has been decided, a comparison had to be made with the importance, from the point of security, of not disclosing the evidence. If the importance of the evidence for the accused outweighed considerations of security, its disclosure should be authorized."

Moreover, when hearing the evidence would cause extreme and grave damage to the State, and excluding it would do likewise to the accused, the hearing of the evidence should be allowed. The prosecution would then have to consider closing the file against the accused.

Justice Bach, that the court must strike a proper balance between the public interest of state security, and the interest of the accused. This, however, was incorrect, for ensuring the fair trial of an accused was no less important a public interest than the arrest and punishment of criminals.

The certificate, Justice Bach continued, was very comprehensive, and covered even the evidence of the applicant himself. Indeed, counsel had argued that the words "a person" at the beginning of section 44(a) could not possibly be interpreted to include the accused himself. He did not agree, but was of the opinion that the accused's right to speak freely should be restricted only in rare cases where the disclosure of particulars mentioned in the minister's certificate would cause particularly serious damage to state security.

JUSTICE BACH then turned to the facts of the present application. He had taken into account, he said, that the case would apparently be heard *in camera*, so that although complete secrecy could not be ensured, the danger of the evidence being disclosed would be considerably reduced.

The applicant, he said, wished to prove certain facts concerning his arrest and passage to Israel to support an argument of the court's lack of jurisdiction. In this regard, the parties had agreed on some factual presumptions which would be brought before the court, and there was no need, therefore, for his decision on this point.

The defence also intended, however, to challenge the admissibility of some of the applicant's statements in Israel after his arrest, and for that purpose to prove particulars of the manner of his capture and how he was confined before reaching Israel, and his resulting feelings and reactions.

These particulars were excluded by the minister's certificate, and the prosecution objected to their disclosure, mainly because they had no bearing on the admissibility of the applicant's statements, and also because of the difficulty of obtaining the evidence.

On this point, he agreed with the defence. The statements referred to, which the prosecution regarded as confessions, were a central feature in the case. The applicant intended not only to attack them as inadmissible but, if they were admitted, to argue (as to) their weight. It would be unjust to deprive him of this opportunity. However, Justice Bach continued his decision to how the applicant was physically detained, for how long and under what conditions he was held, and his feelings and fears during that period.

On the other hand, Justice Bach refused to allow the disclosure of certain details on matters connected with nuclear research in Israel. He pointed out that at his suggestion, the minister had revised his certificate so as to permit certain evidence which was excluded under the original certificate. In his view, the evidence now permitted was sufficient to enable the applicant to defend himself adequately. He was not convinced that the need for ensuring a just trial overrode the danger involved in disclosing the particulars in question.

For the above reasons, the applicant's first and second prayers were granted and his third prayer was refused.

Amnon Zichroni and Avigdor Feldman appeared for the applicant, and Uzi Hasson, senior assistant state attorney, appeared for the State.

The decision was given on August 12, 1987.

BASEBALL

Cards gain on sliding Mets

CHICAGO (AP) - Ken Dayley finished the game for St. Louis against the Chicago Cubs 5-23 on Saturday, while the New York Mets imperiled their hopes of catching the Cardinals by losing to lowly placed Pittsburgh, of all people, 8-2.

Dan Driessen hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Ken Dayley struck out Leon Durham with runners on second and third to end the game, and to give the Cards a 3-5 game lead over New York in the National League East. The victory reduced the Cardinals' magic number for clinching the division to five games. St. Louis has eight games left, including the final three against the Mets at Busch Stadium.

The Cubs loaded the bases on two walks and an infield single with one out in the ninth against reliever Todd Worrell. Worrell gave up an RBI grounder to Andre Dawson and then Ken Dayley came in to strike out Leon Durham for his fourth save.

Frans 8, Mets 2
Doug Drabek pitched six-hit ball for eight-plus innings and drove in two runs with singles as Pittsburgh beat New York. New York has seven games remaining, including the three against St. Louis.

Brewers 10, Giants 5
Dion James started a six-run sixth inning with a single and capped it with a two-run single as Atlanta defeated San Francisco, preventing the Giants from clinching a tie for the National League West title.

The Giants' magic number for clinching the NL West title was reduced to two games when Houston beat second-place Cincinnati 5-3 in an afternoon game. The Giants can win their first divisional title since 1971 if they beat the Braves in their next game, and the Astros defeat the Reds.

Astros 5, Reds 3
Terry Poff hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run fourth inning that carried Houston over Cincinnati in a five-inning game. Cincinnati's loss reduced San Francisco's magic number for clinching the National League West to two games.

Dodgers 3, Padres 1
San Diego's Benito Santiago hit safely in his 20th consecutive game to set an all-time major-league record for rookies, but Glenn Hoffman hit a tie-breaking two-run single in the sixth inning to lift Los Angeles over the Padres.

Santiago scored the game's first run on Gary Thayer's double. Brewer's homer off

starter Shane Rawley, 17-11, helped Pecos Perez improve his record to 6-6. The third-place Expos won 5-0 in games started by Perez this season since he was called up from Indianapolis on August 19.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Danny Tartabull's three-run, ninth-inning homer boosted the Kansas City Royals to a 7-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Saturday.

Tartabull hit his 31st homer into the left field seats off Twins reliever Jeff Reardon, 8-8. The victory went to Royals reliever John Davis, 5-2, who pitched two innings of hitless relief after taking over for starter Bret Saberhagen. Gene Garber pitched a scoreless ninth to pick up his seventh save. The victory pulled the Royals to within five games of first-place Minnesota in the American League West division.

Kansas City's Steve Ballbait hit a solo home run, his 24th of the season.

Indians 11, Angels 10
Brett Butler scored the winning run when third baseman Jack Howell bobbled Brook Jacoby's two-out bouncer, giving the Cleveland Indians a 10-inning 11-10 victory over the California Angels on Saturday.

Butler began the inning with a single off reliever Gary Lucas, 1-5, and moved to second on Junior Noboa's sacrifice bunt.

Joan Benoit hit a pinch, home-batted triple in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Toronto a 10-9 victory over Detroit.

It was the second straight day that Toronto scored three runs in its final inning to defeat Detroit as the Blue Jays increased their lead to 3½ games in the American League East.

White Sox 3, Athletics 2

Greg Walker's two-out single capped a two-run sixth inning rally that lifted the Chicago White Sox over Oakland 3-2. It was Chicago's 11th win in 14 games and handed the Athletics their fourth straight loss. Bob James, 4-5, pitched the final 2½ innings for the win. Eric Plank, 4-6, took the loss.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City Royals 7, Minnesota Twins 4; Milwaukee Brewers 3, Boston Red Sox 2; Toronto Blue Jays 10, Detroit Tigers 5; Chicago White Sox 3, Oakland Athletics 2; New York Yankees 2, Baltimore Orioles 0; Seattle Mariners 2, Texas Rangers 1 (11); Cleveland Indians 11, California Angels 10.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 8, New York Mets 2; Houston Astros 5, Cincinnati Reds 3; St. Louis Cardinals 5, Chicago Cubs 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, San Diego Padres 1; Montreal Expos 7, Philadelphia Phillies 4; Atlanta Braves 10, San Francisco Giants 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

PENNANT RACES - SATURDAY

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	94	59	.619	3½
Detroit Tigers	92	62	.597	

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota Twins	83	72	.534	
Kansas City Royals	78	77	.503	5
Oakland Athletics	71	78	.477	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PENNANT RACES - SATURDAY

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis Cardinals	91	57	.615	3½
New York Mets	88	67	.566	
Montreal Expos	87	67	.565	4

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco Giants	84	70	.545	
Cincinnati Reds	77	77	.500	7

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Ohana scores

Post Sports Staff

EH Ohana opened his account with his Belgian club Matines at last on Saturday. He scored the only winning goal for his club in an away game against Lokern.

Ohana was the star for his club. He had the first scoring "EHLER" as he ran his way through the Lokern defence.

PC Brugers had to do without the services of their Israeli star, Benny Rosenfeld in their 3-1

win at home over Racing Jet Brussels. Brugers coach said he plans a new strategy for the team, meaning leaving Rosenfeld out of the team is a part of that strategy.

Moshe Shaf's team, Beversen, were beaten in an away game by Glent. Shaf came on as a substitute in the second half but his endeavours were not enough to save his team.

In Italy, Ian Rush made the home debut of his dreams with a masterly two goals as Juventus starved to a 3-1 win against Pescara yesterday.

HANDBALL

Swastikas in Germany

Post Sports Staff

Virulent anti-Semitic actions marred Hapoel Ramat Gan's handball matches against Mir of Moscow in the West German town of Wuppertal over the weekend. People arriving at the hall found that swastikas had been painted all over the walls, both inside and outside.

The perturbed authorities, expropriating that the Nazi symbols were

painted by hooligans, quickly painted over the swastikas, and the Israelis went on with their first game against the Russians. They lost that game 28-20. Amir Geva was highest scorer for Israel with ten goals.

The Russians had refused to play Israel either in Israel or the USSR, hence the decision to play both home and away matches in the West German town.

RYDER CUP

US in trouble

MUIRFIELD Ohio, (AFP) - Europe's golfers tightened their grip on the Ryder Cup yesterday, taking the lead in five of the final day's 12 singles matches. With the ball rolling the Europeans' way, Tony Jacklin's squad appeared poised to retain the trophy and accomplish their first ever Ryder Cup victory on American soil.

The Europeans needed to win only three more matches and halve one today to ensure a tie and retain the Cup. They were already leading by 10½ points to the Americans' 51½ after the foursomes and fourballs of Friday and Saturday.

Once again Spain's Severiano Ballesteros displayed his customary wizardry around the green and was three up on Curtis Strange after four holes.

Both Jacklin and U.S. skipper Jack Nicklaus had saved their big guns for the final day. Nicklaus was urging his players along, hoping that the singles could still produce an American victory. He said before the current competition began that he did not want to be the first U.S. skipper to preside over a defeat on American soil. But, with the way the Europeans were playing, that appeared to be his rendezvous with destiny.

SCOREBOARD

MOTOR RACING: Britain Nigel Mansell won the Spanish Grand Prix in commanding style in Jerez yesterday by keeping alive his hopes of overhauling Williams team-mate Nelson Piquet of Brazil in the battle for the world drivers' championship.

Mansell took the lead on the opening lap and stayed in front throughout to finish well ahead of defending champion Alain Prost of France in a McLaren and his third-placed team-mate, Stefan Johansson of Sweden.

Piquet came in fourth ahead of fellow Brazilian Ayrton Senna in a Lotus, while Philippe Alliot of France was sixth in a Lola.

Mansell's win lifted him into second place in the drivers' championship with a total of 52 points - 18 behind Piquet with three races remaining.

TENNIS: Martin Lajlo of Argentina sprang a major surprise in the \$295,000 International Championships of Spain in Barcelona yesterday when he beat Sweden's Mats Wilander in a grueling five set final, the score: 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Wilander, going for his sixth win this year, had beaten Lajlo in straight sets in the Italian

Open final in May but lost yesterday's match after fighting back from two sets down.

Both men are gifted clay court players and Lajlo struck the first blow by winning a first set tie-breaker 7-5. He went further ahead by taking the second 6-4. Wilander fought back by winning the next two sets 6-4, 6-0. The Swede then lost the last set 6-4 for Lajlo to win the fourth Grand Prix tournament of his career and first since Stuttgart 12 months ago.

At the women's tournament in Hamburg, West Germany, world number one Steffi Graf added another title to her already impressive array of successes when she won the \$150,000 tournament, beating fellow 18-year-old West German Isabel Cuervo 6-2, 6-2 in 57 minutes in yesterday's final.

In the \$315,000 Grand Prix tournament in Los Angeles, third-seeded David Pate of the U.S. advanced to the final against top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden with a semi-final win over second-seed Brad Gilbert. Pate, ranked 19th in the world defeated Gilbert 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 while Edberg breezed past another American Tim Wilkison 6-2, 6-3.

Greetings on the occasion of the establishment of World Movement for a United Israel (TA'ALI)

founded in Israel on September 20, 1987.

The Federation of Immigrants from France and North Africa and French Speaking Immigrants greets the establishment of the World Movement for a United Israel

We feel certain that the various institutions of the State of Israel will shortly be compelled to assume responsibility for encouraging mass immigration of Western Jewry. This vital question must be resolved at the highest political levels of the sovereign Jewish State, and not be treated as a marginal issue, in a way that continues the discrimination and the resulting bitterness.

Leon Rosenbaum, Adv., in name of the Federation of Immigrants from France and North Africa

On the occasion of the founding of the World Movement for a United Israel (TA'ALI)

We congratulate Chairman Leon Tamman, initiator of the Movement, and extend our wishes to him and the founders of the Movement, that they see their aims realized in the spheres of education and mutual tolerance; preservation of Jewish and Zionist values; encouragement of creativity and preservation of the cultural heritage of all the ethnic groups in Israel. Shaul Ben-Simchon, Chairman, World Organization of North African Jewry

To Mr. Leon Tamman and to the World Movement for a United Israel

More power to you The sixty thousand volunteers of our Movement promise to move forward together with you towards the realization of the important goals common to you and our Movement. Shana Tova May the coming year see the strengthening of the unity of our people.

"Am Yafe Am Echad" Naomi Shadmi, Chairperson and Movement members

THE AIMS:

- Education towards recognition of the cultural pluralism of the people of Israel with all its communities in Israel and abroad.
- Education towards the unity of the nation and for tolerance amongst all sectors of the people.
- Education towards strengthening the self image of the various ethnic groups and the systematic striving for mutual cultural enrichment.
- Education towards enhancing the Jewish-Zionist character of the State of Israel, through the inculcation of Jewish and Zionist values amongst both youth and adults.
- Education for the creation of one people on the basis of mutual respect and equality of opportunity amongst all sectors of the people.
- Study of the cultural heritage of all the ethnic groups in Israel, with particular reference to their contribution by way of traditions, customs and values, to the culture and unity of Israel.
- Promotion of education among all sectors of the people, with emphasis on the education of disadvantaged youth and adults, and the inculcation of cultural values based on the love of Israel and Israel's tradition.
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Dr. Stephen J. Roth, Chairman The Honorary Offices and the National Executive of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland

Warmest good wishes to Mr. Leon Tamman on the setting up of the World Movement for a United Israel (TA'ALI). We feel sure that the Movement will contribute towards the enhancement of education, unity of the nation and more tolerance amongst all sectors of our people.

Sami Dai, Chairman Federation of Former Turkish Citizens in Israel

The Federation of Iraqi Immigrants Welcomes the founding of TA'ALI in the service of the people and the nation. With greetings for a Happy New Year David Patal, Chairman

World Organization of Egyptian Immigrants and the Federation of Egyptian Immigrants in Israel

Wish to convey their good wishes to The World Movement for a United Israel (TA'ALI), and to its Chairman, Leon Tamman, and hope for the implementation of all its aims and the positive tidings it brings to all Israel. Our very best wishes for the New Year to the entire House of Israel. L. Mishory, Chairman, Federation of Egyptian Immigrants, 86 Pinsky St., Tel Aviv

The Day of the Declaration of Israel's 40th Anniversary

To "Tenia Olamit Le'Ahdut Israel" May fraternity and love of Israel increase.

A Happy New Year to you and to the House of Israel.

Dov Rosenfarb, Chairman, Association of Secondary School Principals in Israel

We congratulate Mr. Leon Tamman on his noble intentions and initiatives for uniting the ethnic groups of the people of Israel.

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The Federation of Caucasian Immigrants in Israel Conveys its congratulations to Mr. Leon Tamman, on the official establishment of the World Movement for a United Israel. May all your important aims be realized. Shana Tova.

Shmaya Shalmayev, Chairman Simha Davidov, Vice Chairman

The Bukharan Immigrants Association in Israel Extends congratulations to the World Movement for a United Israel, and to the Head of the Movement, Mr. Leon Tamman, on the establishment of TA'ALI. Amnon Sloni, Chairman

Congratulations on the founding of TA'ALI Let us all unite on behalf of Israel, and work for the integration therein of the values and heritage of all the ethnic groups of Israel.

Haviv Shimon, General Secretary National Organization of Kurdistan Jews in Israel

The IMF annual economic outlook

The future remains unclear

By GENE KRANKER

WASHINGTON (AP).—The U.S. budget deficit, a threat to international economic stability, promises to shrink significantly this year, but the future remains unclear, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday.

"There continues to be uncertainty about the timing and extent of future fiscal corrections because compromises between the U.S. administration and Congress on ways to cut deficits have proved to be extremely difficult to achieve," the IMF staff said in its annual economic outlook issued for meetings this week of the 151-nation IMF and the World Bank.

The report was referring to the conflicting fiscal positions staked out by President Ronald Reagan and his Democratic opposition in Congress. Reagan has opposed tax increases while trying to stave off military spending cuts demanded by Democrats.

Other countries worry about the

U.S. budget deficit because the Treasury has to issue huge amounts of bonds to cover it. The money to buy those bonds comes to a large extent from Japan and other foreign sources, using up savings that their governments would prefer to use at home, or to invest in developing countries.

The demand for U.S. bonds also drives up interest rates in the United States, which makes investment in this country even more attractive. Other countries raise their own interest rates to prevent too much of the savings from coming here. That slows growth worldwide because investors are frightened away from new projects by the higher cost of financing them.

Many experts find the fund's predictions discouraging because they see an overall growth rate in the United States and other industrial countries at less than the 3 per cent a year they believe developing countries need to create a demand for their goods and help them out of

their debt problems.

Compared with a 1986 U.S. budget deficit of \$220.7 billion, the IMF staff published a table showing estimated deficits of \$163b. for fiscal 1987, which ends this week, \$173b. for 1988 and \$179b. for 1990. Also shown were White House projections of \$158b., \$123b. and \$90b. for the same respective periods.

The IMF said its higher estimates were based on no further changes in the U.S. tax system or spending programmes.

The report noted "signs of weakness in private consumption in the United States" after four years of providing the engine for economic recovery. It predicted growth in U.S. domestic demand would slow to an annual rate of 1.75 to 2 per cent in 1987-88, compared with 3.5 to 4 per cent for 1985-86.

"Meanwhile, concern about a pickup in inflation was also clouding the outlook in the United States," the IMF said. But it added that "some of the basic conditions for

continued growth ... remain in place."

Improved export competitiveness to stimulate U.S. economic growth and weaker domestic consumption "should be largely, if not fully, offset by a sizable increase in U.S. real net exports," the IMF said.

Despite concern over unbalanced trade, the IMF staff said it believes that "given present policies and assumed constancy of real exchange rates, moderate growth will be maintained in the industrial countries over the period to the end of 1988."

But the report said the United States, Japan and West Germany, the West's three strongest economic powers, "have a major task ... to ensure that the adjustment process" they have undertaken to stabilize exchange rates and balance trade is maintained.

Even though current accounts "are responding to the exchange-rate changes and policy adaptations that have taken place ... the imbal-

ances are nevertheless expected to remain above sustainable levels after 1988," it added.

The three countries and other major industrial nations have agreed in previous meetings that while the United States sought to reduce its budget deficit, Japan and West Germany would adopt economic expansion policies that are being carried out now, the IMF said.

"Certainly the policy changes that are under way should help to improve business confidence and sustain demand," it added.

"The absence of the cyclical excesses that characterized most previous recoveries in the postwar period suggests that the basic conditions for continued moderate growth remain in place," the report said, predicting a 1988 growth rate of 2.5 to 2.75 per cent.

For developing countries not exporting oil, the IMF predicted a growth rate of nearly 5 per cent, "with continued strong performance among exporters of manufactures and more moderate growth among exporters of primary commodities."

More gloomy was its prediction of a decline of output growth in sub-Saharan Africa to about 2 per cent, "significantly less than the rate of population increase."

ECONOMIC LETTER

In defence of Ariel Sharon

To the Economic Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On August 3, 1987, you published an article by Pinhas Landau "Waiting for Nissim," in which so-called "facts" had been raised, misleading your readers. It is regretful that Mr. Landau did not bother to check these facts first. He claimed that the Minister of Industry and Trade, Mr. Ariel Sharon, blocks the road to cabinet approval of the privatization programme.

Though Mr. Landau had to admit that Minister Sharon declares in the American press that he is in favour of cutting back the involvement of the state, he maintains nevertheless that Mr. Sharon is the biggest block to such a step. Mr. Sharon, heading the Ministry of Industry and Trade, has been one of the first to privatize companies subject to this ministry, executing in deeds, what he believes to be right.

It is strange that only The Jerusalem Post ignores Mr. Sharon's declarations in favour of the privatization programme, and the actual sales of governmental companies during the last years. The real facts speak for themselves.

HAYA PERI

Press Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade

Pinhas Landau replies:

The facts are that only two government companies, Pericase Dead Sea and the Jerusalem Economic Corporation, have "gone public" over the last 12-15 months. Each of these companies raised a few million dollars on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange by selling new shares to the public.

The government has failed to divest itself of control of any major corporation in state ownership. One or two minor companies have been sold, such as Bonei Arim of Ashdod. Recently, and after a prolonged struggle, the Israel Chemicals subsidiary, Zion Cables, was sold. Here, as in other cases, it was the Treasury that initiated and pushed through the deal, with the Ministry of Industry and Trade being dragged along. There is certainly no evidence of Minister Sharon's famous "bulldozer" techniques being used to get privatization moving more rapidly.

Elsewhere, the government-owned Israel Oil Refineries sold its minority (26 per cent) stake in Haifa Chemicals to the Genger-Riklis group, after the latter had already

bought control. Unlike many other commentators, this reporter has yet to be convinced that the fact that this deal was with two prominent supporters of Mr. Sharon makes it suspicious or undesirable. But it doesn't make it privatization either.

The potentially most interesting share flotation was the proposed \$40m. issue of the Bromine Corp., a subsidiary of Dead Sea Works, also in the Israel Chemicals group. This was due to take place in New York but was repeatedly delayed and eventually shelved, ostensibly because "market conditions were not right" — although this was during the greatest bull market in history. In fact, the government refused to waive its right to dictate corporate policy to the company's board, so that the American underwriters were unable to get the prospectus approved by the SEC. If Mr. Sharon did not actually block this issue, he doesn't seem to have pushed it through either.

Worse still, Mr. Sharon has been prominent in appointing to boards of directors under his ministry's control persons close to him politically, but whose professional qualifications have often been called into question. Attempts to extend this policy to managerial positions in the Israel Chemicals group sparked a widely-publicized revolt by senior executives.

Thus, not only has privatization not been a main feature of the minister's tenure in office, he has been engaged in developing still further the extent of government control and intervention.

It is only fair to say that in this, Mr. Sharon is merely continuing, or perhaps enhancing, the traditions of his predecessors in this office.

However, given his attempts to place himself in the free-market camp, especially with an eye to his American supporters, the gulf between his declarations and his lack of active follow-up is particularly galling.

If Mr. Sharon were to take the lead in breaking the stranglehold of the politicians and bureaucrats over business, both through state ownership and administrative regulation, this reporter would be the first to applaud enthusiastically.

So far, though, with regard to the record of the government as a whole, and particularly of Mr. Sharon, the facts do indeed speak. All talk and no action.

Cairo's French-financed subway

CAIRO (AP).— President Hosni Mubarak and French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac yesterday inaugurated the French-financed Cairo subway, the first in the Middle East and Africa.

Chirac clapped with Egyptian and foreign dignitaries while Mubarak cut the ribbon, signalling the inauguration of the subway.

The two men were given yellow tickets — identical to those in the Paris subway — which they used to pass through the entrance machine.

Mubarak and Chirac then rode from the Sadat station, named after the late president Anwar Sadat, to the northern terminal, the Mubarak stop at Ramses square.

At the terminal, Mubarak gave a small speech, referring to the subway as a "dream" which had been fulfilled. He extended thanks to Chirac and France for helping to make the dream come true.



French premier Jacques Chirac and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak with a metro driver after inaugurating Egypt's first underground railway. (Reuters)

CURRENCY MARKETS

Slow trading before meeting

The dollar closed slightly higher on Friday and trading was very quiet, mainly consisting of position adjustments before the weekend's Group of Seven meeting.

This pattern of slow-range trading was evident throughout the week as dealers tended not to build up large currency positions in case the industrial nations should decide on any surprise measures to defend the dollar.

The dollar was also supported by the mounting tensions in the Persian Gulf although this buying failed to push the dollar above the 1.82 Deutschmark level.

The pound sterling weakened on Thursday because of a larger than

expected current account deficit. This reversed the pound's earlier strength and triggered the Bank of England to sell just below the 3.00 Deutschmark level.

The Group of Seven's agreement to continue to support the dollar at current exchange levels will provide support to the U.S. currency. The dollar has stabilized within a wide trading range and it is likely that this pattern will continue in the near future. It seems that the major downward trend of the dollar has now entered a neutral phase which will last until the emergence of significantly new U.S. economic data.

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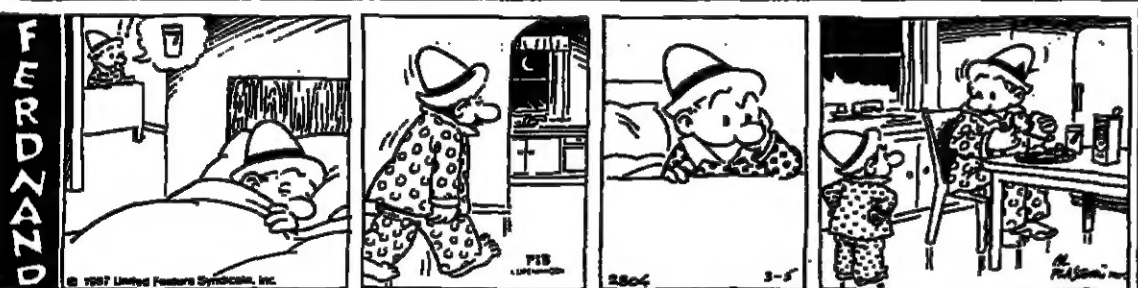
U.S. 'drags feet' on VOA budget

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Acting Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi has enlisted the aid of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Israel's Ambassador to Washington to try to speed up approval of the initial budget for the planned Voice

of America relay station in the Arava.

Ya'acobi is concerned because the agreement between the U.S. and Israel provides for a \$16 million development plan for the Arava.



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 To a degree, the object with popular fame is for those prepared to take the plunge (7,4)
- 8 Two's company, so amorous couples begin to cheer (11)
- 11 Songs put on by those who are affected (4)
- 12 Story which reveals the sum total (4)
- 13 Refuge the Old Testament provides for one who is poor (4,3)
- 15 To put it back, find out how much the bill comes to (3,2,2)
- 16 Teach followers (5)
- 17 Hardly music to lull a baby to sleep (4)
- 18 Only a third of the basic curriculum for an outstanding person (4)
- 19 We burrow into a hill which rises high (5)
- 21 Back which no indoor plant can be expected to bear? (7)
- 22 Put down down-payment (7)
- 23 Smallest particle to be found in the morning (4)
- 26 Boundary needed for bridge (4)
- 27 The whole? Under no circumstances (5,1,3,2,2)

DOWN

- 2 A girl so it's said, sad to say (4)
- 3 Result of toasting one's toes before the fire in eager haste (7)
- 4 Born and died, apparently in poverty (4)
- 5 It may overtake one on becoming highly emotional (7)
- 6 Don't include part of the room itself (4)
- 7 Used to be lady's maid—now demoted to the laundry (11)
- 8 In favour of calling for incitement (11)
- 9 Divorcee filmed even the final epithet (7,4)
- 10 What a nurse takes to obtain a degree (11)
- 14 Last letter in the post upset hapless cavalry unit (5)
- 15 Archaiically dressed and apparently ready for bed (5)
- 19 It means to the navy much fuss and bother (7)
- 20 Just say the word, and a detour will be arranged (4,3)
- 24 Low to the North it may appear in the night sky (4)
- 25 Not floating a business venture (4)
- 26 Barker intended to clear the fog-bound airport (4)

Yesterday's Solution



QUICK SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Road, 3 Dwelling, 9 Pedal, 10 Notable, 11 Dis, 13 Canticles, 14 Impact, 16 Penned, 18 Corporate, 20 End, 22 Intends, 23 Chron, 25 Enduring, 26 Alias, 27 Down, 1 Rapid, 2 Old, 4 Waning, 5 Lattice, 6 Imbalance, 7 Guesied, 8 Bloc, 12 Separated, 14 Incline, 15 Crooner, 24 Raisin, 19 Each, 21 Dumas, 24 Ali.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 7 One who telephones
- 8 Metal
- 10 Bingo
- 11 Trial copy
- 12 Dislike by 2
- 13 Provide food
- 17 Peer
- 18 Moorland hill
- 22 Social group
- 23 Excess of food
- 24 Lay worker
- 25 Unit of current

DOWN

- 1 Stew
- 2 Fall precipitously
- 3 West Country county
- 4 Pairs
- 5 Parody
- 6 Vessel
- 9 Violent disaster
- 14 Ugly beast
- 15 Young hare
- 16 Fatly mass of rubbish
- 19 Injure with boiling
- 20 Far Eastern country
- 21 Muscular spasm

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Bevil Yegon, 55202; Saleem, Saleh Eddin, 272315; Shufat, Shufat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.

Tel Aviv: Bevil, 1 Uziel, corner 10 Toledo, Bevil Yegon, 55202; Saleem, Saleh Eddin, 272315; Shufat, Shufat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.

Haifa: Yavne, 7 Ibn Sina, 672288.

Netanya: Netanya, 11 Herzl, 22842; Krayot area: Morzin, 64 Sderot Nashotim, Krayot Morzin, 737243.

Tel Aviv: Roshan (pediatrics, internal, surgery), Netanya: Lanedo

DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Bikur Holim (pediatrics, E.N.T.), Hadassah Scopus (internal), Migdal LeDavid (obstetrics), Hadassah Ein Karem (surgery, orthopedics), Shaare Zedek (ophthalmology).

Tel Aviv: Roshan (pediatrics, internal, surgery), Netanya: Lanedo

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Krayot Shmona Information Centre Tel. 03-433300, 433500 Sunday/Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Eldan — Tech Limited PROSPECTUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ISSUE OF

600,000 ordinary registered shares, par value 1 New Israeli Shekel each, for a total par value of NIS 600,000 (hereinafter referred to as "the Shares").

THE SHARES REFERRED TO ARE OFFERED AS FOLLOWS:

PUBLIC OFFER BY MEANS OF TENDER:

600,000 ordinary registered shares, par value 1 New Israeli Shekel each, at a minimum price of NIS 2.40 per share (hereinafter referred to as "the minimum price"). The share price to be determined in the tender may and shall be higher than the minimum price. The balance of shares, which will not be sold to the public in the framework of the tender, will be offered to the public in a second stage, at the minimum price. (Cf. in that respect section 2.3 of the Prospectus.)

The registration of the shares of trade on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange shall be conditional to a minimum dispersion of the shares, specified in section 2.4.5(b) of the Prospectus. Should the minimum dispersion not be attained, the issue shall be cancelled, and the moneys refunded to the bidders.

99% of the Company's business is carried out through its subsidiary company, purchased recently, 82% of the subsidiary company's sales are made to public institutions dependent on public budget(s).

The subsidiary company's sales to public institutions are financed by means of grants and contributions given to the said bodies.

The Company acquired the subsidiary company in a deal which comprised an exchange of shares, under section 95 of the Income Tax Ordinance, signed shortly before the publication of this Prospectus. (Cf. Section 5.7 and 5.8 of this Prospectus.) The Prospectus therefore includes three types of financial reports:

Financial Reports of Eldan-Tech, on a proforma basis relating to the condition before the transaction was carried out, on 30 June, 1987.

Financial Reports of Eldan-Tech, without reference to subsidiary companies.

Consolidated financial reports of the subsidiary company.

All the Company's products were developed by Prof. Amiram Raz, a biochemical scientist, who undertook to work for the Company for at least five additional products. Professor Raz also undertook not to compete with the Company during two additional years after the termination of his employment with the Company.

For details see page D-5.

This is the Company's first public issue of shares.

The shares will be traded on the "parallel list."

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company also serves as General Manager of the Company and of its subsidiary.

The Company shall pay in this issue underwriting, distribution, and centralization of the issue commissions, as well as additional expenses, at a total rate of approximately 13% of the proceeds of the issue (Cf. section 1.5.3 of the Prospectus).

The Tender will open on October 4, 1987 at 8:30 a.m. and will close on the same day at 12:30 p.m.

Underwriters:

Barclays Discount Bank Limited (Head of the Consortium of Underwriters)
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Israel Brokerage and Investments Ltd.
Betuza Securities and Investments Ltd.
The Mercantile Bank of Israel Ltd.
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By Baron Wolman

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MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

Foreign follies

There was a marvelous story in the *Shar* economic daily the other day. According to the paper's report, a new and dramatic loophole in Israel's foreign currency laws has been unearthed.

It was supposed to work like this: Banks in the Scandinavian countries, and apparently in Holland, are prepared to accept deposits from their customers sent by mail. Anonymity is assured and all you have to do is send the wherewithal in a registered letter. Even Israelis, therefore, simply send a personal cheque or banker's draft in shekels, and the Nordic superman set to all the rest.

In the "Scandinavian currency," the writer tells us, one can obtain 16 per cent interest which, considering the stability of the said monetary unit, is very high by any standards. It will already be apparent to the discerning reader that there are a number of things that sound peculiar, not to say fishy, or too good to be true. For good measure, we are told that the Bank of Israel doesn't pay much attention to exotic items such as the kroner used in Scandinavia, since it is busy keeping its eyes on the flow of dollars in and out of Israel.

On putting all this to the central bank, we received the expected response, namely that the whole story has no foundation whatsoever. Sending cheques in the post, be it known, is not only illegal from the point of view of currency regulations, but wouldn't even help for those intent on smuggling money out of the country: Every shekel cheque presented by a foreign bank for payment requires an OK from the relevant bureaucracy, so that if "many Israelis have joined the savings schemes in these banks" in Scandinavia and Holland, as was claimed in the said article, there has been precious little evidence.

What about sending cash? That won't help much either, because the charges that the banks take here from foreign banks for changing cash shekels are horrendous and make cash transactions a strictly losing proposition. So the whole game, as a way round the currency laws, is a non-starter, according to the authorities.

But maybe they don't know what's really going on. If any readers can shed light on the possibility of opening postal accounts in the "Universal" bank in Copenhagen, or where and how to get 16 percent interest in Dutch florins, please let us know. We promise not to tell the Bank of Israel.

Speaking of the Bank of Israel, and of foreign currency controls, isn't it about time that the bank did something to realize its promises of ushering in a further relaxation of the panoply of laws and regulations on individuals and businessmen alike?

Of course, the official answer to this is "we're working on it," and that great plans are indeed afoot, but ultimately action depends on others—notably the politicians. One of the blessings of abolishing, or at least reducing, the foreign currency control regime, is that tales of high interest rates in postal accounts in Scandinavia won't have the same attraction to us. We'll just do the South German lottery.

Isratech problems

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The fate of Isratech, the planned Israel Industrial Exhibition scheduled for the Javits Centre in New York in May 1988, hangs on the word of Finance Minister Moshe Nissim.

When Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi asked at yesterday's cabinet meeting why Isratech was foundering before it even set sail, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon replied that the Treasury refused to allocate more than \$1.25m. for the fair, when in fact at least \$6m. were required.

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The hard sell

Citrus fruit exports begin

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A gain for Spain offset by a freeze in Greece are the two major factors which will influence the new citrus fruit export season which started at Haifa port yesterday.

The first trucks bringing early ripening grapefruit from the Jordan Rift and Golan settlements rolled into the port and the first two ships are to be loaded tomorrow and Wednesday.

They will sail before the end of the week, taking tens of thousands of cases of the fruit to Scandinavia and northwest Europe.

David Shalit, of the Citrus Marketing Board told *The Jerusalem Post* that the citrus groves look very

promising, the trees heavy with fruit.

The board hopes to export 41 million cases this season, which will last into the late spring, compared to the 39 million shipped last year.

The Israeli fruit will have to contend this season with the bigger harvest in Spain, where due to clement weather the crop is expected to grow by 10 per cent this year. On the other hand an unseasonable spring frost in Greece has reduced the yield there which somewhat offsets the Spanish bounty, Shalit said.

It will be a hard sell for Israeli fruit but hopes are high. Last season the growers who produced easy peelers, which are becoming very popular in Europe "did very well," while those exporting shamouti oranges fared much less well, he said.

Research reports

By PINHAS LANDAU

Post Finance Reporter

The Reuters news organization has announced that its country reports service is now available in Israel.

Stay at home top bankers

Post Finance Reporter

The chairman and chief executive officers of the country's banks have reached a clear division of labour, it would appear.

For this year's International Monetary Fund and World Bank jamboree in Washington, the three biggest banks, Hapoalim, Leumi and Discount, have all sent their chairmen—Eitan Berglas, Meir Heth and Yosef Ciechanover respectively.

They have joined the Israeli economic leadership, comprising Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, outgoing Treasury director-general Emmanuel Shatz, Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno and two senior central bank officials, Mordechai Frenkel and Freddy Vider.

Minding the shop at home are the bank's chief executive officers—Amir Sivan, Bino Zadik and Gideon Lahav. In past years, the CEOs often went to the IMF/World Bank bash as well, but this year they have decided to stay behind.

The uniform approach of the banks has sparked suggestions of collusion, but no complaint has yet been lodged with the Ministry of Industry and Trade official in charge of investigating cartels.

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Satitah, in the name of the district's doctors and nurses. A delegation from the suspected murderer's village, Al Yamun, yesterday visited the offices of the Jenin military governor to dissociate themselves from the crime.

Meanwhile, security forces yesterday carried out a reconstruction of the events at the Megiddo junction where Arad, on leave from a nearby army base, was stabbed to death while waiting to hitch a ride home.

According to eye witnesses, the attacker grabbed Arad's Uzi submachine-gun and tried to fire it when soldiers chased after him. He apparently did not notice that there was no magazine in the gun.

Police intend to award certificates of appreciation to three young cyclists from Upper Nazareth who saw the attack and raised the alarm.

The fact that Arad was stabbed in daylight, at a public facility, on a highway and only a few hundred metres from a checkpoint manned by the Border Police has caused anger and concern among local settlers. Heads of settlements met with the Interior Ministry's Northern District representative, Amram Kalay, yesterday to discuss the security situation in the region in the wake of the killing and of other terrorist-related incidents in the North.

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Loading agricultural exports for Europe

(David Rubinger)

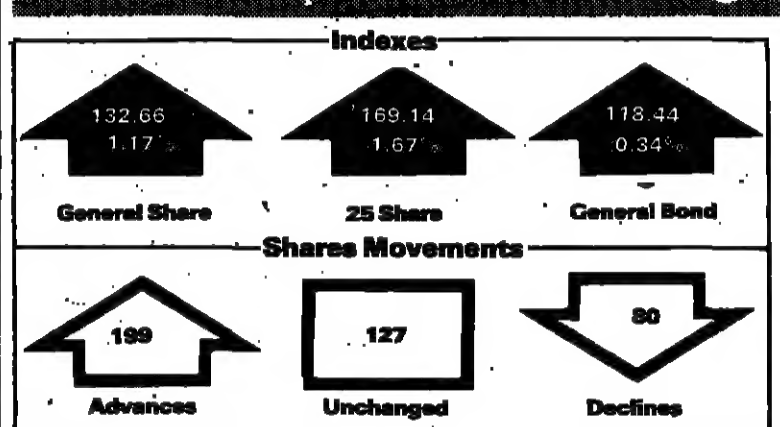
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Tel Aviv Stock Exchange



Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Commercial Banks			
Bank of Israel	2200	100	+0.8
Leumi	2200	100	+0.8
Discount	2200	100	+0.8
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Leumi	2200	100	+0.8
Discount	2200	100	+0.8
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Leumi Mort.	10500	140	+4.0
Bank Leumi	10500	140	+4.0
Bank Leumi	10500	140	+4.0
Insurance			
Asrat 0.1	1150	100	+0.8
Phoenix 0.1	1150	100	+0.8
Herzliya 1.0	1150	100	+0.8
Menorah 1	1150	100	+0.8
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Al-Rafid 0.1	5000	40	+1.1
Arifan	5000	40	+1.1
Daniner	5000	40	+1.1
J.S.C.	5000	40	+1.1
Barys 0.1	5000	40	+1.1
Israel	5000	40	+1.1
Asparin Prop.	5000	40	+1.1
Madrimin	5000	40	+1.1
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Industrials			
Duke	8000	200	+4.4
Tampco 1.0	8000	200	+4.4

Name	Price	Volume	% change
First Internet			
Hasrat 1	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 1	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 1	8048	270.8	+2.00
Second Internet			
Hasrat 2	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 2	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 2	8048	270.8	+2.00

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Third Internet			
Hasrat 3	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 3	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 3	8048	270.8	+2.00

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Fourth Internet			
Hasrat 4	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 4	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 4	8048	270.8	+2.00

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Fifth Internet			
Hasrat 5	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 5	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 5	8048	270.8	+2.00

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Sixth Internet			
Hasrat 6	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 6	8048	270.8	+2.00
Hasrat 6	8048	270.8	+2.00

Statistics

Stock Indices	Value	% change
General Share (last avg.)	132.66	+1.17%
25 Share	169.14	+1.67%
General Bond	118.44	+0.34%

Bond Indices	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Turnovers	Value	% change
Total Share	15,751,800	
Non-arrangement	15,751,800	
Arrangement	15,751,800	

Share Movements	Value	% change
Advances	199	
Unchanged	127	
Declines	80	

Index Market Trends	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Arrangement Yields	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Oil Exploration	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

25 Shares	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Real Estate, Building and Agriculture	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Industrials	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Commercial Banks	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Mortgage Banks & Finance	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Insurance	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Other	Value	% change
Index-linked	118.05	+0.26
Fully linked	120.02	+0.48
Partially linked	114.88	+0.02

Pension merger

Post Economic Reporter

A further step in the planned union of all Histadrut-linked funds was made yesterday after the general assembly of the Central Pension Funds of Histadrut employees agreed to the merger. This projected move is designed to prevent a major future crisis in the pension funds.

But the Histadrut has been so far unable to break the opposition to the merger of the most important pension fund, Makefet. Without Makefet's agreement, the planned merger stands little chance of going through. Makefet heads have opposed it since they refuse to pay for the losses of other funds, and they

also demand the leading position in the new body.

In its decision yesterday, the Central Pension Fund conditioned its agreement on the safeguarding of all the rights of its members. In addition, CPF said payments to the new unified fund would be adjusted as to ensure the future realization of these rights.

CPF said the regulations of the new merged fund should be approved by all the funds without exception. The management of the new fund would not be established on the basis of the relative importance of the merging funds, the CPF assembly also added.

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

Bank	Deposit	Rate	7 days	14 days	30 days
Leumi (Sept. 18)	40-1,000	11.00	7.00	8.00	9.00
	1,001-10,000	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.50
	10,001-50,000	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.50
	50,001-100,000	12.25	12.25	13.25	13.75
	100,001-500,000	12.50	12.50	13.50	14.00
	500,001-1,000,000	12.75	12.75	13.75	14.25
Hapoalim (Sept. 7)	40-1,000	11.00	7.00	8.00	9.00
	1,001-10,000	11.50	11.50	12.50	13.00
	10,001-50,000	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.50
	50,001-100,000	12.25	12.25	13.25	13.75
	100,001-500,000	12.50	12.50	13.50	14.00
	500,001-1,000,000	12.75	12.75	13.75	14.25
Discount (Sept. 22)	40-1,000	11.00	7.00	8.00	9.00
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	100,001-500,000	12.50	12.50	13.50	14.00
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Swiss franc (SF 50,000)	2.625	3.250	3.125
Yen 5 million yen	3.750	3.250	3.250

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EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (Sept. 27)									
Precious Metals				Libor Rates					
Gold	London	am. fix	481.00	Starting	1 month	3 months	6 months		
		am. float	481.00	Dollar	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 3/4		
		perm. fix	481.00	S-franc	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2		
		perm. float	480.57	S-franc	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2		
Silver	London	am. fix	481.75	Starting	1 month	3 months	6 months		
		am. float	481.75	Dollar	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 3/4		
		perm. fix	481.75	S-franc	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2		
		perm. float	481.75	S-franc	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2		
Platinum	London	Spot	557.00	Van	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2		
		am. fix	557.00	Van	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2		
		am. float	557.00	Van	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2		
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Murder most foul

THE CAUSE of peaceful Jewish-Arab coexistence in the State of Israel - let alone in Eretz Yisrael - has taken another knock with the foul murder of an IDF reservist by a Palestinian from the Jenin area.

It was not a terrorist act directed by some PLO faction from across the border. Hilal Haj Ibrahim, who had already done time in prison for a security offence, was responding to some inner voices when he went out to kill Jews and, finding Alexander Arad, the kibbutznik, at the Megiddo junction knifed him to death. But that is hardly a consolation. Ibrahim apparently had accomplices, and the toll of dead might have been larger had Arad not neglected to take his Uzi magazine along with the submachine-gun itself, which the assailant grabbed before running away.

What does offer some consolation is the fact that one of the three Border Policemen who seized the Palestinian youth was himself a Beduin and another was a Circassian. Thus the image conjured up by Ariel Sharon, of an Israel in which defenceless Jews are being slaughtered with impunity by murderous Arabs while pussyfooting officials are looking on unconcerned, is a shameless, war-mongering caricature.

But the claim put forward by Haim Bar-Lev, the Police Minister, that "we've got one of the safest countries in the world here," does not reflect Israel's reality either. And the Declaration of Independence invoked by Ezer Weizman, once Mr. Sharon's party colleague and now Mr. Bar-Lev's, in his plea for Jews and Arabs living together, does not apply to territories that lie outside Israel's sovereign domain.

Arab terrorism, whether organized or sporadic, will presumably die down, if not out, once peace is established. The still unsolved question is how it is to be tackled during the present agonizing transition from war to peace. Yesterday's cabinet row over the Arad murder - marked, according to the reports, by all the courtesies of the fish market - was one indication how hard it is to obtain a national consensus even on this issue.

The two major parties agree that such by now traditional methods of punishment as the demolition or boarding up of terrorists' homes are right and proper. The home of Hilal Haj Ibrahim was torn down almost as soon as he himself confessed to the crime. In resorting to that standard operating procedure the army was not deterred by the obvious fact that an out-of-court confession is not a judicial finding, nor by the apparent fact that the ruined house, while the property of the murderer's family, did not actually belong to him.

Deterrence is the purpose of the demolition of houses, but of what use is it when it cannot be shown to have any real effect? The Likud's frequent answer is that such collective punishment is true in principle but does not go far enough, which is why it fails. To succeed, it should include the mass deportation of all persons in any way linked to a terrorist attacker. The Labour Alignment's answer is to hem and haw.

To date no Arab terrorist, no matter how horrid his crime, has been given the death sentence in Israel. This is a matter not of law but of a policy that has hardened into well-nigh inviolable tradition. There are several persuasive reasons for sticking with the traditional policy, not least among them the possible impact of its reversal on the fate of Israeli prisoners in enemy hands. If Ibrahim is judged to be sound of mind, the chances therefore are that his sentence will not go beyond incarceration for life, which could mean his release as part of a prisoner swap in the not too distant future.

The time may, however, have come for a reconsideration of policy, not on party grounds - criticism of leniency for terrorist murderers has been aired more on the right than on the left - but on the ground of harm to peace itself. The hope of peace cannot coexist with the likes of - if he is pronounced guilty - Hilal Haj Ibrahim.

THE MORNING AFTER

The brutal attack on Saturday evening on sports journalist Zadok Yehzekeli after a Betar Jerusalem soccer match at the Bloomfield stadium has raised the spectre of football hooliganism that may stalk the land in the months to come.

Is Israel, the alarmists ask, going the ugly way of Britain, Holland, West Germany - countries in which, over the past decade, people have been forced to face up to the menace of wild young men going on a rampage, destroying property, attacking innocents after soccer matches and exploiting what had once been a favourite family sport as their battlegrounds for gang war? The attack in the dark streets of Yafo was serious enough in itself. It raises questions of prevalent attitudes towards random violence and more particularly to the all-too-widely felt antagonism towards the press. There is a spirit of "If we don't like the message, we will take it out on the messengers."

Even if it is proved that it was a "loyal" Betar fan who assaulted Yehzekeli - and that is by no means certain - there is no clear link between the attack and the fact that the journalist may have written something that did not appeal to Betar supporters. To go from it to level charges of overall unsavoury behaviour by soccer fans is to make all too facile a shift.

There are many things wrong with Israeli soccer, and, specifically, with the relationship between crowd, clubs and performers. The fans are generally poorly treated - inadequate ticket booths, the sorry apology for entrance gates and a disgraceful lack of facilities inside grounds. Normally, however, despite the discomfort, the fans are extremely well behaved.

They can be uncouth, labelling the referee and errant players with the kind of epithets that make a sailor cringe, but most of the dismay is directed at faulty performances - rather like an audience pelting an off-key soprano with rotten tomatoes.

Rarely is there disorder in the crowd among rival fans. By and large, provided they can squeeze through the cattle-pen gates, children can be allowed safely to go to matches on their own. Women supporters are treated with courtesy. In the uncommon event of a fight breaking out among rival fans, other fans can be counted on to prize the warriors apart with a minimum of fuss.

Obviously the absence of drink inside grounds helps. Fortunately, fans do not look on soccer as a catalyst for petty violence, a way for unemployed to relieve themselves of pent-up frustrations.

There are many important issues at stake arising out of the weekend attack on a journalist. But hysterical and false calumnies against our football crowds in general and against the admittedly volatile Betar fans in particular serve little purpose.

YORAM KESSEL

The birth of the Balfour Declaration

Zionism with a dose of anti-Semitism

C. C. Aronsfeld

THE BALFOUR Declaration announcing Britain's support for a Jewish National Home will be 70 years old this coming November 2. It is one of the great documents of history. To a Jew it must recall the proclamation, 2,500 years earlier, of King Cyrus of Persia permitting the Babylonian exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their Temple.

So too it was regarded by the Jews of Britain. A bright light was seen to have been lit. "For the first time since the days of Cyrus a great government has hailed the Jews as one among the family of nations," *The Jewish Chronicle* exclaimed. The declaration was felt to be "much more than a Jewish triumph. It is a triumph for civilization and for humanity."

The general British press also hailed the "epoch-making" declaration, which was at once seen as a "signpost of destiny," likely to "prove to be an event of first importance in the history of the world." With a touch of foresight, the *Daily News* said: "The promise of the restoration of Palestine will count for more in the judgment of the world than all the desolation wrought by the German legions among the nations they have trodden underfoot."

To *The Observer* it seemed "no idle dream that by the close of another generation the new Zion may become a State, including, no doubt, only a minority of the entire Jewish race, yet numbering from a million to two million souls forming a true national people."

These views were widely shared among Jews in all Allied and neutral countries - and even in hostile Germany, though there opinions were divided. Some dismissed the declaration as so much propaganda, designed to win back the Jewish sympathies lost through Britain's alliance with anti-Semitic Russia. The *Allgemeine Zeitung des Judentums* wrote: "We German Jews ought to have no other desire than to remain Jews and be Germans. Our true homeland is the land of Goethe." On the other hand, Maximilian Harden, the famous publicist, realized that "for millions of poor and hundreds of thousands of prosperous Jews, the Balfour an-

nouncement had the serene sound of a long-expected Messianic message. The day that witnessed Great Britain's decision to stake the whole of the Empire's power in support of a Jewish cause, is one that can never be blotted out from the world's history."

THIS WAS RATHER an overstatement, for the British cause was by no means identified with the Jewish one. For one thing, quite a number of British Jews were not sympathetic toward the Balfour Declaration. The only Jewish member of the cabinet, Secretary of State for India Edwin Montagu, strongly opposed it, and besides, the general situation of the Jews in Britain then was such as to cast a shadow over the light that was lit. It was pleasant enough to hear that the declaration was born of a "simple and humane instinct of reparation" owed to "the dispersed and downtrodden race." But the almost incredible paradox was that at this very moment the race was made to pass through a great deal of tribulation in the very land of the Balfour Declaration.

On the very day the declaration was issued (November 2, 1917), *The Jewish Chronicle* complained of "an anti-Semitic campaign sedulously conducted by a section of the press shamelessly indifferent to the national interest." Already the campaign had caused outbreaks of violence in the East End of London and in Leeds. The Board of Deputies set up a special committee "for dealing with constant attacks on the Jews" which, said *The Jewish Chronicle*, "would have been impossible in normal times."

But these were not normal times. They were desperate times. The war seemed to have reached a stalemate. The French army had mutilated, the Italians were near collapse. America had only just begun to take up arms. Britain appeared to be facing defeat. In this situation (writes a historian), "people were engaged in the unpleasant process of hardening their hearts, showing thereby that a

not unimportant section of British opinion remains unemancipated from the rusty fetters of prejudice and intolerance," according to *The Jewish Chronicle*.

They had their excuses. They resented the Russian Jewish refugees who would not join up to fight with the allies of their Tsarist persecutors - a dilemma in which many of us might have found ourselves in the Second World War, had Britain been allied with Nazi Germany. Much mischief was also created by demagogues who attacked "cosmopolitans and moneylenders, whose fathers had come from Frankfurt-on-Main."

Finally, and most absurdly, Balfour himself was not free from a certain ambivalence towards Jews. He believed that anti-Semitism was "a great evil" and at the same time that what he called the Jews' "rigid separation from their fellow-countrymen" was "a misfortune for us." A recent student of the Edwardian era (Piers Brendon, *Eminent Edwardians*, 1979), who examined this "central paradox of his life," termed it "a conventional prejudice." Balfour had been critical of alien (mainly Jewish) immigration in 1905, and he now appeared as "an anti-Semitic Zionist - a Zionist because of his anti-Semitism, not despite it." Of course, the writer adds in fairness, the declaration was not of one man's making, "it was a cabinet document, the product of many motives and many minds. In particular its object was to secure the support of world Jewry at a time when Germany appeared to be winning the war." This object was triumphantly achieved.

Fortunately so. The excitement died down. The hardened hearts were forgotten and only the memory of the Balfour Declaration remained. Whatever the weirdly contradictory circumstances of its birth, whatever its eventual fate in the tempestuous progress of history, it was a great light shining in the darkness. And so it will be remembered, like the words of Cyrus, who allowed the captives in Babylon "to go up to Jerusalem in Judah to build the Temple of the God of Israel."

The writer is a historian of Zionism.

READERS' LETTERS

UNPALATABLE FACTS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - With regard to the battle of September 15 in the security zone and your leader of September 18 about it, I would submit that our strength resides not only in the fact that the IDF's officers "lead rather than prod," but also and foremost in our ability to analyze facts, and not allow ourselves flights of fancy whenever these facts are unpalatable.

When a 12-man patrol searching for terrorists clashes with a 15-man enemy unit and loses seven men, while the other unit is allowed to withdraw, leaving one wounded man behind, one is bound to ask some questions.

My worries are not allayed by the army's explanations that "the enemy unit was not expected to be there, and that 'the patrol operated according to required procedures under the circumstances."

Neither does your editorial fill the bill: "A small and inexperienced Givati force, ... badly outmaneu-

vered and drawing withering fire..." If the force was inexperienced, what was it doing in Lebanon searching for terrorists?

And why was it outmaneuvered?

If one of our patrols stumbles into what appears to have been pre-arranged fire positions on territory presumably under our control, the logical conclusion to be drawn is that what happened was (a) a failure of intelligence gathering, and (b) overconfidence in the available intelligence, which by its very nature is never 100 per cent foolproof.

Rather than paternally patting the IDF and its "brave young draftees" on the back, I think that their interest and ours would have been better served had you suggested that the minister of defence would do well not to accept the pat explanations presently proffered and to initiate an independent investigation of this disastrous incident.

Her-diya. JACQUES LEWIN

COEXISTENCE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Chananaya Ya'akov's letter of September 8 criticizing Yosef Goell for favouring separate Orthodox neighbourhoods calls for comment.

It is the religious, or rather the Orthodox religious, who themselves create their own ghetto. Often we see advertisements for new housing projects offering flats for religious only. Many existing neighbourhoods have become Orthodox religious by invasion, causing non-religious to leave in order to avoid being molested, in some instances even to avoid stone throwers or arson. And how many non-religious citizens can happily live in Bnei Brak?

No non-religious person will force an Orthodox Jew to live like him, or act against his conviction. On the other hand, most Orthodox Jews seem to feel obliged to force their way of life and beliefs upon others.

Under these circumstances, coexistence remains a dream. F. SALOMON

Haifa. Sir, - Must there be ghettos even in Israel, is Chananaya Ya'akov's lament.

The reason for the ghetto in the Gola needs no explanation. As for the religious segment being ghettoized here, it is a condition they choose for themselves, because they are intolerant - intolerant of the ways of the secular. In the name of God, they terrorize and try to inflict their religious beliefs on those

around them, who might be of another persuasion.

On the other hand, I don't know of one secular Jew who objects to religious neighbours who will live and let live. Of course, there are a lot of religious Jews who are also willing to do so.

But for all those who find unpalatable a free and democratic State of Israel, what is wrong in saying they need to put themselves in a ghetto? NAOMI FEINSTEIN

Netanya.

NEWSPAPERS IN BNEI BRAK

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Were your newspaper to report that there is now an Israeli ambassador in Mecca or a *Jerusalem Post* bureau in Bnei Brak, people would laugh it off as an April Fool's gag. But when *The Post* insists that "ordinary Israeli newspapers are no longer on sale in Bnei Brak" due to haredi threats of violence, people may just fall for it.

Why not send one of your editors or reporters all the way out here to the ninth largest city in the country, and I will be happy to introduce him or her to Bnei Brak's many diversified newsstands. Perhaps when we get to the stand where I picked up your violent editorial of September 7, he (or she) will acknowledge that it involved distortion of the truth. DR. URI CHESKIN

Bnei Brak.

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VATICAN HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - The pope's visit to the USA which has just ended, was a disappointment for Jews.

One factor which made the meeting with the Jews in Miami most distasteful, was its backdrop: an exhibition of Hebrew manuscripts from the Vatican library. Anyone familiar with these manuscripts knows that they were stolen and plundered from ravished Jewish communities over many centuries.

To turn this painful confrontation into something positive, I hope that a worldwide campaign will ensue demanding the return of these manuscripts to the Jewish people, their rightful owners. The National Library in Jerusalem would be an appropriate depository for them. I placed a full-page ad in *The Miami Herald* on the day of the Miami meeting, calling on the pope to return the manuscripts. I hope it will be followed by a sustained campaign by Jews everywhere, repeating again and again that the Pope should atone for the past by returning these precious works to us. It demands no theological or political price from him. It would be an expression of goodwill and justice, which he so often promises.

DR. MANDREK R. LEHMAN
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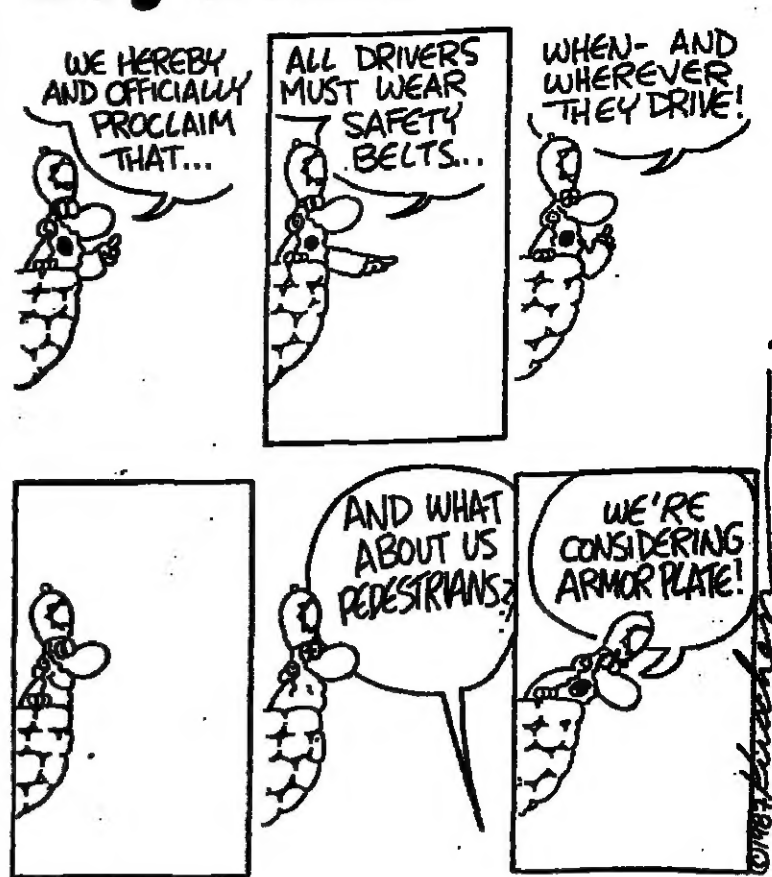
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Dry Bones



A layman's guide to the Lavi vote

Eric Gutwillig

THE LAVI PROJECT has been effectively shot down. In spite of some last minute reflex movements on behalf of the dying airplane, which expressed themselves in demands for a re-vote in the cabinet, the public must accept the decision as being final. The die has been cast.

What responsible citizens will be asking themselves is: Was the decision the right one? This question is made all the more acute by the closeness of the cabinet vote and by the fact that a political dagger was held at the throat of one of the ministers. But for that piece of 'violence,' the decision would have been reversed, and subsequent newspaper cartoons would have shown the Lavi flying on high, instead of having its nose in the ground and smoke pouring from its tail.

It is clearly beyond the average citizen's ability to judge objectively such a highly technical subject and to absorb the mass of facts and figures involved. Yet it is important that the citizen should have an opinion on a subject of such vast import.

IF WE CAN'T form an opinion on the basis of the facts and figures of the case, the next best thing is to examine the ministers who supported or opposed the venture. And if I am asked whether to support the decision of Arik Sharon, the main architect of the ill-starred Lebanon venture, or that of Yitzhak Rabin, who was largely responsible for extricating us from there - well - I'd rather take my cue from the thoughtful and analytically-minded Rabin.

Who else was among the supporters of the Lavi? There was Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, whose judgement in the past has been nothing to write home about, especially if we remember that he was one of the foremost opponents of

the Camp David agreements. Then there was Gideon Patt. Perhaps most people have forgotten how Patt expressed himself concerning the economic recovery programme - prophesying doom and disaster if it were enacted. Well, the programme was enacted, and without the doom and disaster. I would hardly choose Patt's judgements to be my guide on a matter of such gravity.

Admittedly Moshe Arens was one of the Lavi's foremost supporters, and Arens probably knows more about the project than any other minister. But Arens is so deeply involved in the subject that one wonders whether he is capable of being entirely objective on the matter. And Arens, too, has shown faulty judgement at times: on Camp David and the economic recovery programme.

THE VOTE WHICH must be considered as the most important of all is that of Finance Minister Moshe Nissim. His vote against all of his party colleagues must have been preceded by a great deal of soul-searching. Nissim knows full well the fate which awaits Likud rebels who ignore the party line. Witness Mordechai Zippori and Menachem Savidov. Nevertheless, Nissim found the arguments against the Lavi so convincing that he felt it incumbent upon him to risk his party's displeasure and put his political future at stake in order to do what he believed to be right, to terminate the Lavi project.

On balance, considering who supported the project and who opposed it, one cannot help feeling that the decision to terminate the venture was the right one, however painful it might have been.

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